

UNITARIAN CONFERENCE HEARS NOTED SPEAKERS

Dr. V. G. B. Pierce Addresses Large Gathering on "The Bible We Believe In."

HOSTON PASTOR ON PROGRAM

Dr. Paul Revere Frothingham Says Church, Groping in Clouds of Metaphysics, Has Lost Sight of the Simple Nazarene.

The second day of the Southern Unitarian conference was marked by well-attended meetings, in spite of the rain. The conference convened in the Unitarian Church, and opened for a business session. The report of the secretary and treasurer was read and the business disposed of. Notable gain in membership, interest and influence were reported by the majority of the churches in the conference, and the discussions of the morning made it evident that the Unitarian faith is becoming a vital factor in the communities where churches are located. The meeting closed with a devotional service led by Rev. J. M. Seaton, of the Roanoke church.

In the afternoon, while the ministers in conference at the manse were discussing the "Sources of Strength for the Modern Minister," the Southern Associate Alliance annual meeting was held in the church.

After reports from the various house churches, addresses were made by the president, Mrs. M. E. Soule, of New Orleans; Mrs. Abby A. Peterson, vice-president of the National Alliance, and by Mrs. Mary B. Davis, corresponding secretary of the same organization.

TELLS OF WORK IN CANADA AND SOUTHERN STATES

Mrs. Davis told of the work of the alliance in doing in Canada and in the Southern States. She pointed out how her experiences have taught her the groundlessness of the popular misconception of Unitarianism, namely, that it is an intellectual faith capable of being grasped only by highly educated, intellectual people.

The public meeting last night in the Little Theater was one of the best since the opening of the conference, and was marked by stirring addresses by powerful speakers. While the house filled pictures of prominent Unitarian men and buildings were thrown on the screen. The meeting began at 8 o'clock with a hymn, followed with a devotional service by Rev. George Gilmore, of Dallas.

The president of the conference first introduced former President Taft's former pastor, and former chaplain of the United States Senate, Dr. U. G. B. Pierce, who spoke on the subject, "The Bible We Believe In."

"It is appropriate," he said, "that in the presentation of our Unitarian Gospel this subject should have a foremost place. A fundamental view of the Bible is so simple and reverent that no one can take offense at it. Unitarians do not regard the Bible as a book out of which to build creeds, but as a book of life. He comes to it with certain impressions. The first of these is, that God is the Father of men. You say, 'We all believe that,' which simply shows that Unitarians are not as bad as you hoped. God is the Father of all men, in all places, in all times. If he does not have to break into your life, he has the key to your heart. We are the sheep of his pasture. He hath not left himself without a witness."

UNITARIANS NOT WORRIED ABOUT MISTAKES IN BIBLE

"Now the Bible is a record of his inwardness and his out-going in connection with human hearts. It is the record of human weaknesses and human aspirations. Some people are worried about mistakes in the Bible. We are not, for human nature has the divine capacity of making mistakes and profiting by them. The Bible holds up the weaknesses of men. Take them out of the Bible and you make it a lifeless book."

The next speaker was Dr. Paul Revere Frothingham, of Boston. He spoke on the subject, "The Christ We Follow."

"I am not going to talk about the Christ of creeds, but about Jesus, who went about doing good," he said. "The Apostle Paul warned his disciples not to lose the simplicity which is in Christ Jesus. I want to speak of the simplicity of Jesus."

"The church has proceeded to do what the Apostle did not do. In the clouds of metaphysics they have lost sight of the simple Nazarene. The Apostle's creed knows nothing of the life of Jesus between his birth and his death. The man who went about doing good, healing the sick in body and soul, is lost sight of. But we are getting back to him, and to the simplicity that marked his life, his message and his personality. Simplicity was the keynote of his life and teaching."

"Our Gospel, the Gospel for To-Day," the subject of the last address of the evening, was forcefully handled by Rev. George Kent, of New Orleans.

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To-Day and To-Night in Richmond

Council Committee on Advertising and Entertainment, City Hall, 8 o'clock.
Post A. Travelers' Protective Association, meeting to discuss union station project, 8:15 o'clock.
Luncheon, Richmond Advertiser's Club, Lexington Hotel, 1:15 o'clock.
Lunch, R. R. King.
Half-hour services, Young Women's Christian Association, 1 o'clock, conducted by Miss Katherine Hawes.
Commencement exercises, John Marshall High School, high school auditorium, 8 o'clock.
Address before Equal Suffrage League by Christopher B. Garrett, on "Tax Reform," League headquarters, 4:30 o'clock.
Baseball, International League, Richmond vs. Buffalo, Broad Street Park, 4 o'clock.
Annual Convention, National Leather and Shoe Finders' Association, Jefferson Hotel, 10 o'clock.
Academy-Runkin's Animal Pictures, 8:30.
Lyric-Popular vaudeville; matinee, 3 o'clock, 7:30 and 9.

The Weather

(Furnished by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

Forecast: Virginia—Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday, continued cool. North Carolina—Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday, continued cool.

Local Temperature.
12 noon temperature, 65.
P. M. temperature, 66.
Maximum temperature to 8 P. M., 68.
Minimum temperature to 8 P. M., 63.
Mean temperature, 65.
Normal temperature, 64.
Deficiency in temperature, 1.
Accumulated deficiency since March 1, 125.
Variation 1, 125.

Local Rainfall.
Rainfall last twelve hours, .11.
Rainfall last twenty-four hours, .11.
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1, 3.23.
Deficiency in rainfall since January 1, 4.39.

Local Barometer Readings.
8 A. M., 29.90.
8 P. M., 29.86.

Local Observation at 8 P. M. Yesterday.
Temperature, 51; humidity, 85; wind, direction, southeast; wind, velocity, 6 miles; weather, rain.

Place	5 P. M.	High	Low	Weather
Asheville	48	52	36	Clear
Atlanta	50	54	34	Clear
Atlantic City	50	54	34	Clear
Boston	42	44	42	Cloudy
Buffalo	56	60	36	Rain
Calgary	72	74	30	Clear
Chicago	42	44	30	Cloudy
Denver	54	58	36	P. cloudy
Duluth	40	42	30	Clear
Galveston	52	54	36	Clear
Hatteras	62	64	48	Cloudy
Havana	70	72	32	Clear
Jacksonville	50	52	40	Cloudy
Kansas City	50	52	40	Cloudy
Montgomery	46	48	44	Rain
New Orleans	64	66	44	Cloudy
New York	50	52	44	Cloudy
Norfolk	50	52	44	Cloudy
Oklahoma	50	52	44	Rain
Ottawa	42	44	30	Clear
Raleigh	56	58	44	Cloudy
St. Louis	52	54	44	Cloudy
San Francisco	62	64	52	Clear
Savannah	58	60	44	Cloudy
Spokane	58	60	44	P. cloudy
Tampa	72	74	62	Clear
Washington	52	54	42	Clear
Winnipeg	52	54	42	Rain
Wytheville	42	44	36	P. cloudy

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
April 27, 1916.
Sun rises, 5:21 Morning, 12:45
Sun sets, 6:54 Evening, 1:30

COMB SAGE TEA IN HAIR TO DARKEN IT

It's Grandmother's Recipe to keep her Locks Dark, Glossy, Beautiful.

The old-time mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur for darkening gray, streaked and faded hair is grandmother's recipe, and folks are again using it to keep their hair a good, even color, which is quite sensible, as we are living in an age when a youthful appearance is of the greatest advantage.

Nowadays, though, we don't have the troublesome task of gathering the sage and the mussy mixing at home. All drug stores sell the ready-to-use product, improved by the addition of other ingredients, called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound" for about 50 cents a bottle. It is very popular because nobody can discover it has been applied. Simply moisten your comb or a soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time, by moving the gray hair disappears, but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound, is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also produces the soft, lustrous and appearance of abundance which is so attractive. This ready-to-use preparation is a delightful toilet requisite for those who desire a more youthful appearance. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

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LEATHER MEN INDOORSE REGULATION OF EXCHANGE

Want Reserve Board to Supervise Rates on Checks Charged by Member Banks.

OLD OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED

President J. H. Martin Is Chosen to Succeed Himself, and Percy J. Straus, of Richmond Elected to Executive Committee.

The National Leather and Shoe Finders' Association, in annual convention at the Jefferson Hotel, yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution calling on the Federal Reserve Board to enforce the provisions which require the Federal reserve banks to regulate the rates of exchange charged in the interchange of checks between member banks. It is said that this provision has not been strictly enforced by a number of the institutions connected with the Federal reserve system, and that there is some dissatisfaction in the districts where such a condition obtains.

The delegates also passed a resolution, reaffirming the association's endorsement of the Stevens-Ayres bill, now pending before the House of Representatives, which requires the maintenance of retail prices on identified and trade-marked goods. At same session, Mayor Ainslie and Business Manager Dabney of the Chamber of Commerce, were thanked by resolution, for cordial greetings extended by them on behalf of the city and the business interests of the community.

RICHMOND MAN ELECTED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Percy J. Straus, of this city, was re-elected to membership on the association's executive committee for a term of three years. He has already served on the committee for the short term of one year. Most of the old officers, including President J. H. Martin and Secretary George A. Knapp, were re-elected.

John C. F. Jackson, of St. Louis, in a paper on "The Relation Between the Jobber and the Shoe Repairer," urged a closer co-operation between the two, to the end that the shoe repairer may be uplifted. Mr. Jackson is editor of "The Shoe Repair Shop."

The delegates will hold a joint session this morning with the associate members, who are manufacturers of leather and shoes, and select the place of the next annual convention. Chicago, Milwaukee and Baltimore are the names most frequently heard in this connection. The convention will adjourn to-night with a banquet at the Jefferson.

Want Parkway Constructed.

A delegation representing Barton Heights and Ginter Park appeared before the Administrative Board yesterday to urge the construction of a parkway through Battery Court, connecting Ginter Park and Barton Heights. The cost of the work is estimated at \$35,000.

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Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN TEAMS REPORT MARKED PROGRESS

Workers Have Secured 325 of the 500 New Members Set as Goal.

Reports made at the meeting last night of the teams in the big membership campaign of the Central Young Men's Christian Association gave indications that the special summer campaign will be successful. The workers have set 500 new members as the goal, and 325 new members have already been enrolled. Speeches were made by Duke, president of the association, and N. D. Stills and Jacob Unlauf, members of the board of directors. The blue lights were burning in front of the administration building, denoting that the Blue team was still in the lead. The standing of the teams follows:

Reds—Captain F. W. Danner, 15; Captain P. L. Ezekiel, 6; Captain O. M. Green, 29; Captain R. E. Pearsall, 11; Captain H. A. Phillips, 13; Captain J. H. Rawleigh, 40; Captain E. P. Reynolds, 15; Captain Thomas Semmes, Jr., 13; Captain J. T. Watkins, 2; Captain P. C. Williams, 6.
Blues—Captain A. B. Belfield, 28; Captain S. G. Burnett, 11; Captain E. J. Carr, 1; Captain E. E. Franck, 1; Captain W. E. McEain, 11; Captain W. C. Norman, 10; Captain C. H. Schaaf, 28; Captain S. T. Strange, 31; Captain W. L. Willis, 15; Captain H. E. Wood, 12.

HOUSEWIVES' LEAGUE

Richmond Women Organize Branch of National Association With Sixty Members.

The Housewives' League of Richmond was organized yesterday afternoon in the clubroom of the Young Women's Christian Association, with sixty members. Mrs. Whitehead, president of the Norfolk Housewives' League, and State chairman, addressed the gathering and directed the organization.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Stuart Michaux, president; Mrs. Arthur P. Wilmer, first vice-president; Mrs. Charles P. Lee, second vice-president; Miss Cally Ryland, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Hampden Chamberlayne, recording secretary, and Mrs. Preston Noland, treasurer.

GETS EIGHTEEN YEARS

Charles McPherson Convicted of Murder of W. J. Lassiter in Norfolk County.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, Va., April 26.—Charles McPherson, twenty-one years old, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by a Norfolk County jury early this morning for the death of W. J. Lassiter last February. His punishment was fixed at eighteen years in the penitentiary. Colonel George Cabell, counsel for the prisoner, asked for a new trial, the motion being postponed.

McPherson shot Lassiter as the latter was leaving the Pentecostal Church, South Norfolk, on the evening of February 26, in company with McPherson's wife.

McPherson was arrested on the charge of the murder of Lassiter. He was held in the Norfolk County Jail. The trial was held in the Norfolk County Court.

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RICHMOND BOY IS KILLED FIGHTING FOR THE ALLIES

John C. Thurston Dies in Engagement With Germans in Flanders.

MOTHER RECEIVES SAD NEWS

Notified by Canadian Adjutant-General of Son's Death on April 3. Young Soldier Was Only Twenty-Two Years Old.

John C. Thurston, of this city, who had been serving with the Canadian troops in the European war, was killed on April 3, in an engagement with the Germans in Flanders, according to a message received yesterday by his mother, Mrs. C. S. Thurston, 1125 West Franklin Street, from the Canadian adjutant-general. The young man, who was only twenty-two years old, enlisted the first of last year in Company C, First Battalion, Canadian Volunteers, and saw some of the hardest fighting in Flanders.

Mrs. Thurston had not heard from her son since the arrival of a letter dated March 22, and feared that he had met death or serious injury in battle. He had been prompt to write ever since he left to fight the battles of the allies.

Before becoming a soldier, Mr. Thurston was in the employ of the General Roofing Corporation as a traveling salesman. He is survived by his parents, two sisters, Miss Estelle Thurston and Mrs. Mabel Dillard, and four brothers, Wilbur J. C. Aubrey, R. Linwood and Marvin C. Thurston.

THE TIMES-DISPATCH

FORWARDED TO WAR ZONE

The following is a copy of the letter received by Mrs. Thurston from her son:

"March 28, 1916.
Dear Mother—Just a few lines to let you know I am still in the land of the living. Received your letter yesterday, and also a copy of the T. D. from M. C.
Well, the Germans made another smash below here at Verdun this cost them 300,000 men, and I expect they are going to try something here, but everyone is confident of the outcome. In fact I would like to get into another big fight with them, and in another two weeks the Canadians will decorate the front pages of the newspapers as they did this time last year.
On February 27 the captain of our

company was questioning me in regard to my release, and as things didn't materialize I saw him yesterday. He said it was up to the American consul in London, so I am expecting it every day, because no doubt there are miles of red tape to go through.

"We are having beautiful weather. Just like the weather at home in May, and if it were not for the noise of the guns one wouldn't know there was a war.
I saw in one of the casualty lists the name of B. A. Rucker, 1162 East Clay Street, Richmond, Va., United States Army, as being seriously wounded in the Eighteenth Battalion; also wrote Lieutenant Drake about six weeks ago, but haven't had a reply yet. Will have to close now. Love to all.
(Signed) "JOHN."

C. & O. EARNINGS JUMP

Comptroller Sullivan Estimates April Income to Date Will Aggregate \$2,000,201.

Estimated earnings of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company for the third week of April were \$912,613, showing a gain of \$62,363, or 7.3 per cent, as compared with the same week of last year, according to figures made public yesterday by Comptroller L. F. Sullivan.

For the month of April to date the earnings have aggregated \$2,666,261. These earnings, as compared with previous years, show gains of 12 per cent over 1915, 10 per cent over 1914, 21 per cent, 1914; 30 per cent, 1913, and 30 per cent, 1912. For the current fiscal year to date the earnings are \$28,380,975, a gain of 23 per cent over last year, 27 per cent over 1914, 35 per cent over 1913 and 33 per cent over 1912.

ACTOR LOSES MOTHER

Arthur Hohl, of Price Players, Receives Sad Message While Rehearsing Comedy Scene.

Arthur Hohl, a member of the Price Players, the company rehearsing for the spring season at the Academy of

Music, received a telegram yesterday telling him of the death of his mother in Berkeley, Cal. The shock to Mr. Hohl was accentuated by the fact that he had just received a letter from his mother, who was well at the time she wrote. She died from heart failure while in her flower garden.

The message was handed to Mr. Hohl just as he had completed a comedy part in the play, "Merely Mary Ann." Owing to the distance to his home, Mr. Hohl will be unable to attend the funeral.

A Real Flesh Builder

For Thin People

Thin men and women—that big, hearty, filling dinner you ate last night. What became of all the fat, producing nourishment it contained? You haven't gained in weight one ounce. The food passed from your body like unburned coal through an open grate. The material was there, but your food doesn't work and stick and the plain truth is you hardly get enough nourishment from your meals to pay for the cost of cooking. This is true of thin folks the world over. Your nutritive organs, your functions of assimilation are probably sadly out of gear and need reconstruction.

Cut out the foolish foods and funny sawdust diets. Cut out everything but the meals you are eating, and eat with every one of those a single Sargol tablet. In two weeks note the difference. Let the scales be the judge. Five to eight good solid pounds of net result. Sargol aims to charge fresh, new, red blood corpuscles—to give the blood the carrying power to deliver every ounce of fat-making material in your food to every part of your body. Sargol, too, mixes with your food, to prepare it for the blood to use. It easily assimilates. Thin people tell how they have gained a month's weight from 10 to 25 pounds while taking Sargol and say that the best assimilative elements known to science are in Sargol. Sargol tablets are 12 per cent Sargol, 88 per cent Sargol, are pleasant, harmless and inexpensive, and Tragle Drug Co. and all other good druggists in this vicinity sell them subject to an absolute guarantee of weight increase or money back, as found in every large package.

Tragle Drug Co. always carry it in stock.

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